Construction of dam on Bhavani river

3385. SHRIMATI S. G. INDIRA : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether Cauvery Water Tribunal has directed Kerala Government not to build a dam across Bhavani river;

(b) if so, whether Kerala Government is still continuing to build the dam; and

(c) what steps have been taken to ensure compliance of Tribunal's directive by Kerala Government?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) The State of Tamil Nadu has filed Petitions before the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal (CWDT) objecting to the undertaking of the construction of a new scheme of a weir across river Bhavani near Mukkali village to divert water to the west outside the Cauvery basin by the State of Kerala. The CWDT has on April 2, 2003 directed the State of Kerala that during the pendency of the proceeding before the CWDT, the State of Kerala shall not proceed further with the construction of weir leading to trans basin diversion and shall maintain the *status quo* as it was existing on 7.2.2003.

(b) and (c) No representation has been received either by the Central Government or by the CWDT from the State of Tamil Nadu regarding non-implementation of the order of the Tribunal passed on April 2, 2003 regarding diversion of Bhavani water by Kerala. The State of Kerala has also not approached the CWDT with a petition expressing difficulties in giving effect to the order of the Tribunal dated April 2, 2003.

PAP agreement for water allocation to Kerala

3386. SHRI N. K. PREMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the quantity of water entitled to Sholayar Power House per water year as per the PAP agreement;

(b) the quantity of water released by Tamil Nadu to Kerala Sholayar during the last water year and the present year till 31st January, 2003.

(c) whether Government are of the view that Tamil Nadu Government violated the PAP agreement to distribute water to Sholayar; and

(d) whether Government are aware that Kerala suffer power crisis due to the violation of agreement and whether Government consider to intervene and ensure the due share to Kerala Sholayar?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) As per the Parambikulam-Aliyar Project Agreement, Kerala is entitled to utilize a total volume of 12.3 thousand million cubic feet (TMC) of water every year amounting to the utilization of 390 cubic feet per second (C/S) average discharge from the Kerala Sholayar Reservoir and measured at the Kerala Sholayar Power House.

(b) During the Water Year 2001-2002, Tamil Nadu released 10.191 TMC of Water against the revised eligibility of 11.680 TMC and received 3.985 TMC of water till 31st January 2003 in the present year.

(c) As reported by the Government of Kerala, Tamil Nadu has not fully honoured the agreement by not maintaining the required water level in the Kerala Sholayar Reservoir on the dates specified in the Agreement and by not supplying the agreed quantity of water.

(d) As reported by the Government of Kerala there is power crisis in Kerala due to shortage of receipt of water in Kerala Sholayar reservoir. However, the Government of Kerala has not requested for the intervention of the Central Government.

Random checks of water boring

3387. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU) : Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention have been drawn to the news-report captioned "Groundwater in deep trouble sinks in South" which appeared in Indian Express dated the 23rd February, 2003;

(b) if so, the details and facts of the matter reported therein;

(c) whether rain water harvesting undertaken at JNU and IIT has since been found fruitful;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

(e) whether there is any proposal under the consideration of Government to initiate random checks of clandestine water boring to impose complete ban thereon to frestall depleting water table of Delhi;